

## NOTICES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

[M14-121]

1. **Title and its heading:** 9, Health Services  
**Chapter and its heading:** 16, Department of Health Services - Occupational Licensing  
**Article and its heading:** 2, Licensing Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists  
3, Licensing Hearing Aid Dispensers  
5, Licensing Speech-Language Pathologist Assistants
2. **The public information relating to the listed Section:**

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 36, Chapter 17, authorizes the Department to license and regulate audiologists, speech-language pathologists, hearing aid dispensers, and speech-language pathologist assistants. The Department has implemented these statutes in Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 9, Chapter 16, Articles 2, 3, and 5. Laws 2013, Ch. 33, § 7, requires the Department to adopt rules to reduce the regulatory burden on hearing aid dispensers, audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech-language pathologist assistants. The law also requires the Department to prescribe an examination developed by a national professional organization of hearing aid dispensers that is consistent with the requirements in A.R.S. § 36-1924. After receiving an exemption from the rulemaking moratorium, established by Executive Order 2012-03, the Department has reviewed the rules in 9 A.A.C. 16, Articles 2, 3, and 5 and is revising these rules to comply with Laws 2013, Ch. 33, § 7. The Department has drafted amended rules for the licensing of audiologists, speech-language pathologists, hearing aid dispensers, and speech-language pathologist assistants and has posted the draft rules on the Department website: (<http://azdhs.gov/ops/oacr/rules/rulemakings/active/index.php?pg=hearing-speech>). This Notice of Public Information provides notice that the Department has posted the draft rules and is soliciting comments from interested persons.
3. **The name, address, and telephone number of agency personnel to whom questions and comments on the rules may be addressed:**

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4. **The website where persons may obtain information about the rulemaking:**

<http://azdhs.gov/ops/oacr/rules/rulemakings/active/index.php?pg=hearing-speech>